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Empowering Republican women to have an important voice at the political table



## Merry Christmas!

As this year closes, I want to say that it has been an honor and privilege to serve as your WRW President these past two years. A huge “thank you” goes out to the board, committee chairwomen, and members for such a successful year of growth for our club. And grow we have! I look forward, as does the whole out-going board, to working with Tee Rogers and her Executive Committee. Congratulations to these committed and talented women! I hope to see you all at our January 17th Installation of Officers at the Atlantis. Moving forward, I encourage us all to “Be the change you wish to see in the world.” Ghandi. 2024 is a pivotal year for our Republican party to make the changes we want to see for our country. What does this look and sound like??? Get involved at the community level.... attend candidate forums, walk precincts with a friend, meet with your neighbors, vote in the upcoming Caucus on Feb 8th , and OPPOSE QUESTION 3 on the ballot. Question 3 (Rank Choice) will eliminate forever Nevada’s voting power. The strength of Nevada is in our hands and in our vote. Come to our luncheons and you will hear and learn how to get involved. The majority of speakers, next year, will be candidates that you want to hear from. I encourage you to make your reservations for our Gala Christmas Party on December 6th , at the home of Kim & Mal Bacchus. See the invitation below. I wish you a very Merry Christmas, Happy Hannukah, and other holidays that you may be celebrating. It is a time of family, friends, and helping others as we have done so well in WRW this past year. ‘New Year’ – a new chapter, a new verse, or just the same old story? Ultimately we write it – the choice is ours.” By Alex Morritt. Merry Christmas all and a Happy New Year!



*Glenda*



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## **OUR MEMBERS AND ASSOCIATES ARE THE BEST!**

2023 is almost over and what a year it has been for Washoe Republican Women. Membership has almost doubled in the past two years! Keep bringing your friends! It has been a privilege for me to have served as your membership chair these past two years. I’m sure your new chairwomen, Carol McDonald and Janice Perry, will find it just as fun and rewarding as I. Remember to renew your membership by December 31. WRW is NOT increasing membership fee, so come join for an exciting 2024! *Day Younker, WRW 2nd Vice President*





*'Tis the  
Season  
To be jolly!*

## **WRW's Annual Christmas Party**

Wednesday, December 6, 2023 5:30 - 8:30 PM

2702 Lake Ridge Shores East, Reno

Bring a hearty appetizer, or a delicious dessert  
and don't forget your friends!

**kindly reply by Friday, December 1**

To Kim at [kimbacchus@gmail.com](mailto:kimbacchus@gmail.com)  
or jingle her at 775.530.8185

RSVP

## WRW'S NOVEMBER LUNCHEON HIGHLIGHTS

Top Gun Lt. Col. Tony Grady, Ret., gave our guests a preview of what to expect if he is elected to the U.S. Senate in 2024. We were also honored to have him tell us about a couple of private events that he has not shared with other audiences. Highly qualified for the position, he is working hard to share his vision with Nevadans.



Chairpersons Carol McDonald, and Janice Perry

## Armed Services Committee Thanks YOU!

2023 was a great year for the Armed Forces Committee! We received hundreds of Christmas cards donated by club members and these were signed during our luncheons & delivered to the Blue Star Moms to send to our troops. Our members also generously donated so many items that we were able to make several large deliveries to the Blue Star Moms to assemble gift boxes. What a wonderful feeling to be able to contribute to such a great cause! Committee Chairwomen, Karen Reed, Carol McDonald, and Janice Perry are so grateful for all of your support and generosity this year!

# Happy Birthday

Kim Bacchus  
Mary Corcoran  
Jessica Cunningham  
Dawn Granata  
Linda Lynch  
Kris Miller

Rita Mireles-Bogarín  
Stephani Rizzardi  
Marilyn Smercina  
Tammy Cumbie  
Elaine Grimes  
Aaron Park



## Welcome New MEMBERS

Christine Jensen  
Anne Moates  
**New Assoc.**  
Mario Antoci  
Don Rogers  
Cindy Sassenrath



### Don't Forget!

Send in your Campaign hours to

Phyllis Westrup,

[phyllis.westrup@gmail.com](mailto:phyllis.westrup@gmail.com)

Pass this on to your friends & associates also

Thursday Jan 18th

## "The Great Republican Nevada US Senate Debate"

Candidates committed thus far

Stephanie Phillips, Tony Grady, Bill Conrad, Jeff Gunter, Ronda Kennedy

Debate will start at 7:15 pm

### Moderators

Eddie Floyd of 93.7 FM radio  
Jon Sanchez of 780 AM radio

### Location

Event is at the Atlantis Resort  
2nd floor Ball rooms

5:30 pm doors open, dinner at 6:30 pm,  
6 pm - Welcome, pledge & introductions

Leo Zachy - National Radio Host, 2026 CA Gov candidate -- Intro Talk

### Dinner Choices:

Twin medallions filet steak, added appropriate items, desert  
Veggie dinner upon request available

### Registration & Payment

Early Bird Special \$50 if a member (use the membership tab to get your membership sign up on our site) good to Jan 8th  
Then \$55 - At the door price \$65 if approved & available

Go to [redmove.org](http://redmove.org)

Registration must be completed by noon Jan 16th

[Join Here](#)

Anyone wearing a  
MAGA hat should get a  
50% discount on their  
gasoline

submitted by Melody Lewis



Let's see your best memes!

Submit to [michonkessler@gmail.com](mailto:michonkessler@gmail.com) by the  
25th of every month to be in the running!

# Book Nook Selections for **Holiday Gift Giving**

*These novels are all set in Nevada and about Nevada. Merry Christmas all!*

## **Book #1 - Bitter Past, Bruce Borgos, Porter Beck**

In the tradition of Craig Johnson and C. J. Box, Bruce Borgos's *The Bitter Past* begins a compelling series set in the high desert of Nevada featuring Sheriff Porter Beck... Porter Beck is the sheriff in the high desert of Nevada, north of Las Vegas. Born and raised there, he left to join the Army, where he worked in Intelligence, deep in the shadows in far off places.

## **Book #2 - Lords of St. Thomas, Jackson Ellis**

In the Mojave Desert, at the southern end of the isolated Moapa Valley, sat the town of St. Thomas, Nevada. Born and raised in St. Thomas, Lord lived in a small home beside his garage with his son, Thomas, his daughter-in-law, Ellen, and his grandson, "Little" Henry. All lived happily until the stroke of a pen by President Coolidge authorizing the construction of the Boulder (Hoover) Dam.

## **Book #3 - The Seven Brothers of Elko, Raeann Blake**

Jake Set in Elko, NV is number one in her seven book series that takes place in Elko, NV. With passion and desire woven into every page, Blake effortlessly transports readers on thrilling journeys of romance, heartache, and danger. From the depths of love to the heights of attraction, she enthralls readers with her sultry tales, igniting hearts and awakening desires.



WRW at Play, Celebrating birthdays & holidays.  
Join WRW for 2024! Join in the fun!

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2024**

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# Americanism



By Jane Hillerby

## Rosa Parks Day

On December 1, 1955, African American seamstress Rosa Parks was traveling in a Montgomery City bus when the bus driver asked her to vacate her seat for a white man. The driver's request was standard practice of racial segregation in buses at the time. Rosa Parks refused to leave her seat on the grounds of fairness, freedom and equality. As a result, she was arrested and convicted of violating the laws of segregation, known as the "Jim Crow" laws. She appealed her conviction and formally challenged the legality of segregation. At the same time, civil rights activists, including Martin Luther King Jr, boycotted the Montgomery bus system.

The boycott lasted for 381 days, into December 1956, when the U.S. Supreme Court ruled that the segregation law was unconstitutional and the Montgomery buses should be integrated. This boycott kick-started other civil rights protests throughout the U.S. Over the years, the Rosa Parks bus has become a symbol of the fight for equal rights. It has been fully restored and is now displayed in the Henry Ford Museum. Rosa Parks Day, on February 4, is also known as the Day of Courage.



### PROTECTING PROSPERITY

A KEYSTONE TOWN HALL ON LAW, ORDER, AND BUSINESS

*California's Lessons, Nevada's Future. Discover the Consequences of Failed Criminal Justice Reform and the Impending Risks for Nevada's Business Landscape, with Insights from Two Influential District Attorneys.*



Lisa Smittcamp  
Fresno County District Attorney



Chris Hicks  
Washoe County District Attorney

#### DETAILS:

**Date:** Wednesday, January 10, 2024  
**Time:** 4:00 PM - 6:00 PM  
**Location:** Reno Elks Lodge #597  
597 Kumle Ln, Reno, NV 89509  
**Free Entry | Cash Bar Available**

#### REGISTER:

**Online:** [keystonenevada.com/events](http://keystonenevada.com/events)  
**Call:** 702-952-2456



## Keep your membership in good standing!

**TIME TO RENEW YOUR WRW MEMBERSHIP FOR 2024!**

Your membership connects you with so many upcoming events as well as local, state, and federal political candidates and information. Join us!

### HERE'S HOW TO RENEW:

1. Bring your check or credit card to our November or December luncheon.
2. Sign up online at [washoerepublicanwomen.com](http://washoerepublicanwomen.com) - look under Join Us
3. Mail check to WRW  
3495 Lakeside Drive #84  
Reno, NV 89509

\*\* Additional \$3 fee added whenever credit card is used for membership dues

Early renewals, before December 31st

# A Great Big Thank You!

## To Washoe Republican Women

I want to express our deepest gratitude for your unwavering support and generosity in helping raise over \$5300.00 for our fellow member, Karen Reed. Your compassion and commitment to helping others have truly made a difference in Karen's life. The Helping One Women (HOW) dinner was a resounding success. The event was not only a financial success but also a heartwarming display of our club's unity and care for one another.

I as well as Karen were deeply touched by your kindness and generosity. Your contributions will help her immensely as she continues her healing journey. She is overwhelmed by the outpouring of support from our club and is incredibly grateful for each and every donation.

Your actions have not only helped Karen but have also strengthened the bonds within our club. Your selfless act of kindness reminds us of the power of community and the importance of supporting one another in times of need.

Thank you again for your extraordinary generosity and for making a significant impact on Karen's life. Your kindness and compassion are truly an inspiration to us all.

I am deeply inspired by the HOW's dedication to empowering women and transforming their lives. Their unwavering commitment to uplifting our community aligns perfectly with our club's values of compassion, service, and solidarity.

In the New Year, I pledge to continue our unwavering support for HOW and their mission to empower women. I will actively participate in their fundraising events, volunteer my time and skills, and spread the word about their invaluable work.

With heartfelt gratitude,

Tee Rogers





## WRW Mission Statement

The mission of the Washoe Republican Women is to support and promote the principles and philosophy of the Republican party. We provide a forum for discussion of key issues affecting our community and nation, and an opportunity for women of all ages throughout Washoe County to engage and support the Republican party, the National Federation of Republican Women, and the Nevada Federation of Republican Women.

## WRW Supported Businesses

Agtron Inc., Scientific Coffee Workshops  
Parkpolitical.com - Political Consulting  
Brothers Barbecue  
International Minute Press  
Haven Salon Studios  
Look Nook Salon  
TJ Duncan Golf Management  
Victoria Gavranovic-Saad, Realtor  
Christine Kreins, RD, CSOWM, Registered Dietitian  
Lyla Bleu Apparel & Jewelry  
Mary Corcoran, ASTA Verified Travel Advisor  
Wild Island Adventure Park, Arger Family Estate  
The Garden of Reno  
Pat Wallis, Artist  
Reno Aces Baseball  
Nevada Sunset Winery  
Edna Skin Care  
Delmar Furnishings  
K7 Construction

## CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR NEW EXECUTIVE BOARD FOR 2024 – 2025!!

**PRESIDENT** – Tomoko “Tee” Rogers

**1st VICE PRESIDENT** – Kim Bacchus

**2nd VICE PRESIDENT** – Carol McDonald & Janice Perry

**SECRETARY** – Katherine Hoffman

**TREASURER** – Becky Erlsman

WHAT AN AWESOME BOARD! Installation of Officers will be at the **January 17th**, WRW meeting at the Atlantis Resort. See you there!

## Committee Chairs

### Achievement Awards

Kim Bacchus

### Americanism

Jane Hillerby

### Armed Services

Karen Reed

Carol McDonald

Janice Perry

### Budget/Finance

Steph Hanzlik &

Diane Todd

### Bylaws

Darlene Ruedy &

Cindi Chandler

### Campaign

Phyllis Westrup

### Caring for America

Tomoko Rogers

### Chaplain

Nancy Bazner

### Corresponding Secretary

Linda Lynch

### Directory

Phyllis Westrup

### Fundraising

Glenda Gilmore

### Legislative

Nancy Bazner &

Debra Canestrini

### Literacy

Melody Lewis

### Membership

Day Younker

### Newsletter

Michon Kessler

### Nominating

Steph Hanzlik

### Parliamentarian

Cindi Chandler

### Barbara Vucanovich

### Military

### Scholarship

Darlene Ruedy

### Website

Michon Kessler

### Youth Outreach

Kathrine Hoffman





Date \_\_\_\_\_ New \_\_\_\_\_ Associate \_\_\_\_\_ Renewal \_\_\_\_\_ Return \_\_\_\_\_

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I WANT TO JOIN! \$45

ASSOCIATE \$20\*

Men or women w/ active membership in another club

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Home Club Name \_\_\_\_\_

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CITY: \_\_\_\_\_ STATE: \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP: \_\_\_\_\_

PHONE: \_\_\_\_\_

Member \$45

EMAIL: \_\_\_\_\_

\* Associate \$20

I understand Washoe Republican Women (WRW) will share this information with the National Federation of Republican Women (NFRW) and the Nevada State Federation of Republican Women (NvFRW) for statistical and bookkeeping purposes only. WRW will not use my personal information for solicitation or promotional purposes and will not circulate the membership roster outside of the Republican clubs mentioned above.

BIRTHDAY MONTH & DAY \_\_\_\_\_

I want to help w/ Committees \_\_\_\_\_

WRW Name Badge  
(Opt.) paid in advance for \$10

I want to help with Membership \_\_\_\_\_

I want to help with Fundraising \_\_\_\_\_

Photo Release: Agree \_\_\_\_\_ / Decline \_\_\_\_\_ to be included in photos for media, newsletters, etc.

I am a registered Republican \_\_\_\_\_

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

TOTAL ENCLOSED \$ \_\_\_\_\_ Check # \_\_\_\_\_ Cash \_\_\_\_\_

For more information: contact Day Younker at [daymyyounker@gmail.com](mailto:daymyyounker@gmail.com) or 775-338-0150. Complete application and mail with your check, made out to WRW, to: Washoe Republican Women, 3495 Lakeside Drive #84, Reno, NV 89509

Time to Renew!

Renew Today